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CELEBRATION OF
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MAY 21ST:
A SPECIAL INVITE
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WNY Young Writers' *studio*

MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

Learners Reflect and Revise

A Note from Mrs. Stockman

Regardless of how old we are or what we hope to achieve, when we take the time to reflect and revise, we truly grow as learners. During our last Studio session, we began introducing writers to these concepts, and this summer, we will begin practicing reflection and revision with even greater depth in a variety of ways.

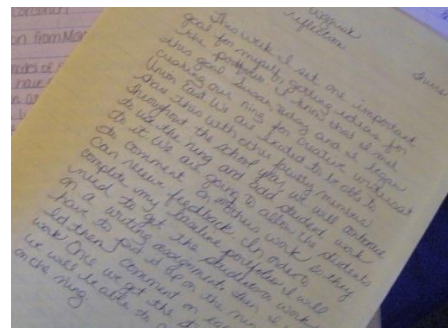
Mrs. Barsottelli, Studio fellow and literacy coach at Depew Middle and High Schools, has assumed a leadership role within our program over the last several years as the director of our mentorship program. This summer, she will be sharing her expertise with us once again as she introduces us to writer's notebooks and defines how writers of all ages might use them for reflective practice.

Throughout the spring, I've created a variety of opportunities for Studio writers and teachers to reflect on where we've come from as an organization and where we should be going. It's important to me that Studio is guided by a collective vision. To that end, I invite you to complete the visioning

survey that was previously shared, to communicate your ideas to me via email, or to take some time to talk with me during our upcoming celebration of writers in progress. I have a certain set of beliefs and a lot of dreams about what we could achieve as a group over time. I know that yours are probably even better. Please don't keep them to yourself! I learn more when others share.

Finally, plans are taking shape for our annual meeting of the mentors. Last summer, those who interned in our program were invited to come together for a day to reflect on what we do at Studio, why we do it, and how we can improve over time. This summer, we will be welcoming several new mentors into our program: Andrew Toney, Sarah Boyd, Nina Stockman, and Catherine Smith. I'm looking forward to learning more from them about how we can sustain what is working and revise what we need to in order to continue serving everyone well at Studio.

I'm looking forward to our 2011-2012 writing season! I hope we see you there!



PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO OUR VISION

In order to help Studio evolve in ways that are meaningful to all fellows, we invite YOU to share your perspectives and ideas with us. Please plan to join in an informal conversation at our celebration of writing on June 11th.

We've only just begun, and we need YOU to help us grow into all we can be.

PLEASE RSVP:
**Cheektowaga Central Invites Studio Fellows
to a Community Celebration of Reading and Writing
on May 21st**

On Saturday, May 21st from 10am until 4pm, Cheektowaga Central is hosting a community-wide celebration of reading and writing. This is a free event that is open to the public.

Cheektowaga families were provided copies of Mick Cochrane's book *The Girl Who Threw Butterflies*, and everyone was encouraged to READ together! Several Studio fellows have done the same (and it's still not too late to get reading if you'd like to)!

On May 21st, a huge festival has been planned in celebration of this accomplishment.

Here are a few things to look forward to:

- Mick Cochrane will speak and participate in a book-signing
- There will be a bounce house, face painting, and arts and crafts
- Some very special learning centers
- ***Studio fellows been asked to:***
 - ✓ Capture some great photos of this event
 - ✓ Help all participants do the same
 - ✓ Host a collaborative writing station, where we will work with others to transform the photos that are taken into a memorable digital story

I invite ALL Studio fellows and parents and friends to join us on this day, which promises to be an awful lot of fun. If you are planning to attend, please reply to my email to let me know!

We will be meeting in the lobby of Cheektowaga High School at 9:30am on May 21st.

You do not need to prepare anything in advance. Just get ready to learn a lot, meet a wonderful author, take some great photos, and write a fantastic story!

The WNY Young Writers' Studio Annual Celebration of Writers in Progress

June 11, 2011 10am-12pm The Kenan Center, Lockport

At our last session, everyone had a chance to think about all that they've accomplished this year as writers. Since Studio is a place where we learn from one another, we will be closing this season by sharing our expertise once again. Please plan to join us.

A working agenda is provided below. If you weren't able to come to our last session but would still like to share something, just drop me an email, and we will be sure to add you to the schedule of events. And if I forgot you, please let me know! I'm looking forward to learning with all of you.

Location	Session 1 10:15-10:25	Session 2 10:30-10:40	Session 3 10:45-10:55	Session 4 11:00-11:10	Session 5 11:10-11:20	Session 6 11:20-11:30	Group Celebration and Presentation of Anthologies 11:30-12:00
A	Elizabeth Learn How to Publish for the Newsletter and Use Microsoft Word to Give and Receive Feedback	Sam and Vincent Designing a Field Game	Cathy Learn how journaling helped this writer overcome her writer’s block	Rachel Learn how to revise your writing using a fun and effective cut and paste strategy	Luke T. Learn how to write a fractured fairy tale and all about self-publishing tools	Luke C.	Gallery
B	Ava Learn how to participate on the Studio Ning	Abby Learn how to overcome story writer’s block by digging deep into character development	Sarah H. and Nina Learn how to write and publish fan fiction	Laura Learn how photography can inspire your writing: online and offline	Hannah Learn how to use listography.com as a writing tool	Alina and Gabby Learn how writers use self-inquiry portraits and mandalas to brainstorm ideas	
C	Sarah B. Learn how this writer overcomes writer’s block	Cat Learn how to use video to ask for feedback on your writing and share your feedback with Cat	Andrew Learn how to create a stop motion video	Studio: Where Have We Been? Where Are We Going? Fellows and parents: Share your experiences, perspectives, and ideas for the future with Studio teachers and leaders			
D		Julie Sarama A parent leads a conversation about raising thoughtful readers, writers, and people		Sheri Barsottelli Learn more about the Studio mentorship program for aspiring teachers of writing			
E	Maura’s Reading and Alina’s Reading	Tish’s Reading	Katie Beth’s Reading	Erin’s Reading	Deanna’s Reading	Michael’s Reading	

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<http://wnyywss.ning.com>

The Studio Blog:

<http://wnyyws.org>



Last Minute Anthology Reminder

The following writers have submitted anthology pieces.

If yours is not in yet and you want it to be included, please send asap!

Elyse

Abby

Laura

Nina

Sarah

Tish

Miranda and Eliza (drafts)

Tom

Cat

Elizabeth

Catherine

Did I miss anyone that should be listed here?

**Does anyone else want in?
Just let me know!**

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